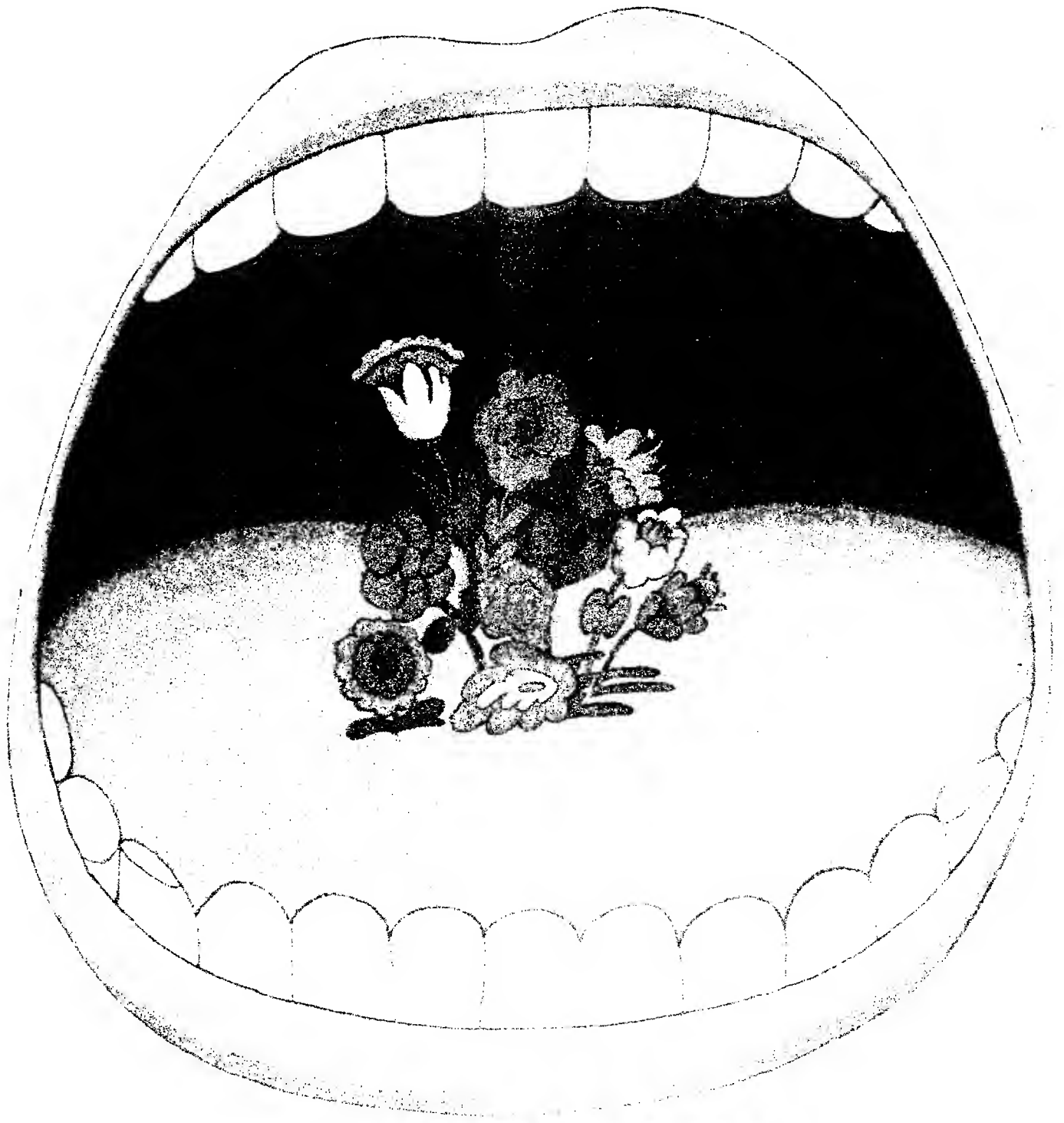


LIBERTERREAN



This is issue #100 of the LIBERTERREAN. Comments, congratulations, and letters from readers have provoked a lot of thought on my part in the past couple of weeks. It's gratifying to find that a project, which I find is among the most enjoyable things I do, is also enjoyed by many others. Looking back over my records, I think congratulations go to some subscribers more than to me. David Tutacko has been a subscriber to the LIB since its very beginning. Dennis Klein picked it up with issue #2. Carl Olson, Bob Spencer, and Fred Bolin also joined our little club in 1974, the first year of the LIB. These people, as well as others of you who have joined us later, all had to suffer through my experiments with how to produce this zine: my errors as well as my few successful breakthroughs.

In return for your fortitude and that of all subscribers to the LIB, I'm enclosing a game with this issue. I've not made it easy for you: the map, 12"x18", is printed on 16# paper. It might disintegrate after a couple of usings unless you mount it on something heavier. The counters while unmounted are printed on really bright pretty paper. The scenario description is included in the pages of this zine. But the rules of play are the Armored Barbarism rules we have all developed over the past 3 years. Many subscribers already have copies of these rules, so they are not included. Any subscriber who wants these rules so he may play "The Battle of Steamroller Farm" will receive them upon request, free of charge. Any others who want the rules must pay \$1.00. I've only printed enough copies of this game for subscribers to the LIB--a limited edition game! No extra copies are available. All subscribers have my permission to photocopy the scenario, map, and counters for their personal use and that of their friends, should you wish to. So you needn't request my permission.

"STEAMROLLER FARM"*

[* So named because the site of the battle occurred at a farm whose owner used a steamroller to build roads for his own use.]

This battle took place on February 28, 1943. During this period, the Allies were beginning to put great pressure on the Germans at Kasserine, to the south. The 10th Panzer Division is holding a front wider than 60 km against the British 78th Inf XX,

6th Armored XX, 26th Armored X, 38th Inf X, 1st Parachute X, and the 4th Chasseurs d'Afrique (consisting of Foreign Legion, colonial inf, and mounted desert troops [Spahis]). As if this opposition weren't enough, the Germans wanted to draw even more Allied forces away from Kasserine and into this area. Accordingly, a Kampfgruppe was formed for a raid behind Allied lines. This battle group was of reinforced company strength. It set out on February 24, 1943 from German lines southeast of Goubellat. It proceeded through the Mahmoud Gap in the Djebel Rihane (very difficult mountains) and debouched onto a little highland valley where they found the Steamroller Farm.

The 78th Inf division was deployed north of Goubellat, while the remaining Allied forces were deployed 8-10 km south of that town, leaving a break in their lines which the Germans had filled with mines. But to watch the gap in the mountains, the British had posted #6 Commando at the farm. This small outpost was quickly overrun by the Germans. As the Allies had withdrawn forces from this area to reinforce Kasserine, and as the Germans were keeping strong pressure on the British (Operation Ochsenkopf [Oxhead] was launched on Feb. 26), the Allies were not able to attend to Steamroller Farm until Feb. 28.

The scenario is 20 turns with the Allied objective to retake the farm and close the Mahmoud Gap again. Victory may be scored by the point value of units lost, but the Germans need to cause a loss ratio of at least 2:1 on the British to avoid a strategic defeat of this operation.

The Germans have the following forces available (You may organize your platoons & HQ as desired as if it were one company, even though it may consist of 10 or more platoons): German Panic level is "2"

2 x 88/56:	1,17/10*,na,SC,35,	6
2 x 75mm:	1,7/10*,na,N,15,	4
2 x 50mm:	1,10/4,na,20,	4
2 x 28/20:	2,10/0,1,N,10,	4
2 x 20x4 AA:	1,5/12,na,20,	7
3 x 81mm mtr:	2,0/8*,1,N,8	4
4 x inf	3,0/6,2,5,	3
2 x PF-60	3,11*/6,2,N,2	6
9 x SPW	1-1-0,na,5,na,	2
10 x trucks	1,na,8*,na	1
1 x PzIVF2	6-3-3,15/10,4,N,35,14	
3 x PzIIJ	5-3-5,14/4,4,N,20,	12

The Germans also have STUKAs: 1 x Med CAS (which may only be used 6 times during the scenario). All German soft units may begin the game in IP.

The British Units (Panic "2" also):

"A" Squadron, North Irish Horse btn, 51st Royal Tank Rgmt: 4 platoons of 3 Churchills each (10-4-3,7/9,3,N,25, 16), plus one HQ Churchill tank.

1st Company, 2nd btn, Coldstream Guards: 4 platoons of 3 infantry squads each (3, 0/5,2,N,5, 3), plus one HQ inf.

1st Troop, 12th Royal Horse Artillery 6 x 25 pdr (1,9/10*,na,N,20, 5) attached to the Gds company.

Royal Engineer detachment (1 x inf with the following characteristics: 3.6*/6,2,N,3, 5).

20 x trucks: 1,na,8*,na, 1.

DEPLOYMENT:

Germans may deploy freely north of hexrow 15xx. Historically, one 88 was at 1609, one at 2716; the mortars and some infantry in & about 2904; all the other AT & AA were on the hill around the farm building; the tanks and most of the transport were in a vehicle park along the road near 2818.

The British enter turn one or later mounted on their trucks at the road edge hex designated "To Aroussa".

TERRAIN:

Most of the terrain on this map is "Broken". The road is a light duty road; the trees are "Closed". The farm house is "Building". The shaded hexes are the only "Clear" terrain on the map. Please note the doubled topographical lines around the canyon of hex 2904. These denote steep cliffs which are impassable. The brown "Defilade" hexsides in 2810-2812 are only 'slit trenches' and so give "Defilade" protection to soft units only.

Good luck with the scenario, I hope you enjoy it as much as I did researching it and designing it. I've had fun playing around with it.

PS: Please note the counters are printed on both FRONT & BACK sides. If you're careful to line up the countersheets (they are cut exactly to size) you'll have pink backs on your red counters and light blue on your dark blue.

KAMPFPANZER: Abbeville, Turn 4
Fire Tasks:

PzII-1507 @ A13-1308	DE
" 1508 @ " "	"
" 1608 @ A13-1409	D2
" 1715 @ A13-1413	D1
37mm-0710 @ M6-0712	P
M6-0509 @ 37mm-0710	DE
A10-0111 @ " "	"
A10-0711 @ " "	"
A13-1409 @ PzII-1508	D3
A13-1108 @ " 1608	D1

Score: J.Lesch: 62/53; R.Brown: 53/62

Spotted Units:

M6's--0910,0712,0509,0118
A10's--0110,0111,0707,0711,0810,1615
A13's--1409,1413,1108
PzII's--1715,1507,1508,1608
37mm--0809D,0708D; inf--0709,0807,0808

1940 ARMORED BARBARISM:

I omitted last issue to print Russia's address: Walter Blank, Box 84, Ontario, Wisconsin 54651.

I'm moving Turkey up in line to receive a standby player since Fred will be leaving town for awhile this summer (or longer?), so the standby for that position will be put right into the action. Fred promises to split all action (diplomacy & combat) 50-50 with his standby.

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

Bob Spencer, Union General of the first rank, still awaits the CSA general who will take up his challenge to paly a limited intelligence PBM of War Between the States.

NOTE: Egypt will begin producing the UK advanced AT missile, Swingfire, at a factory in Cairo beginning in 1980.

1939 ARMORED BARBARISM:

Press:

The Megaphone Newsreel crew march across the world, the seas, and right into your face!! Today, Megaphone Newsreel investigates the present situation regarding Polish entry into the war. First, a visit with the English Prime Minister:

MN: Why have you not written anything to Poland?

PM: Well, mainly because, I suppose, I am an imperialist running dog.

MN: Thankyou & now the French President: Same question, sir.

Pres: Well, it's obvious I'm a puss-filled sore or else I would write, right?

MN: And now the German Kanzler:

K: Vell, ve are most happy mit der Poles as dey are very nice phellows, jawohl?? Ve help dem, ja?! Ja!

MN: And Mr. Polish President, what have you to say about all this?

PP: Well, you can see my empty Allied mailbox. When you receive messages from Germany, Japan, and Turkey and nobody else, what are you to think? Allies should not be at all surprised to find Poland in the Axis camp since the Allies have proved themselves totally incompetent so far. Nicht wahr??

Japan is fascinated about the apparent weakness of Soviet Russia! First rebuked by the Iranian National Guard, now defeated by Turkish Armed Forces! Or is this Russia's answer to Finland? Bumpas has already ceded you the Baltic states that you took in 1940! Good thing, too! I would hate to have seen you defeated by the combined armed forces of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania (Riga)!

Emperor Hirohito recently viewed Japanese Army training exercises and war games. The Imperial Army trains with garlic-eaters for practice dummies. After seeing his army on maeuvers, and feeling kn a musical mood, the Emperor composed the following song: "Go to the left! (everybody everybody) Go to the right! (everybody everybody) Go to the left! (everybody) Everybody go to the right! (repeat several times until vertigo or exhaustion set in). It is apparent that the visiting Cuban calypso touring group had some effect on the Emperor.

German and Italian equipment captured in CHINA! General Tojo greatly upset! The Japanese Embassy in both Germany and Italy has launched an official protest over the continuation of German and Italian military missions operating in China. There are ever broadening rumors about Japan going over to total isolationism. This is the cumulative effect of continual Axis profiteerism, and Allied segregationism.

Japanese cryptologists also ascertain that a recent press release openly believed to be Russian (LIB99) is a forgery. "Russians are illiterate, don't you know?"

Chancellor Charlie wishes to congratulate the Japanese Emperor on his latest at-
tempt at poetry. We do wish he would choose his subject matter more carefully however. We wonder if the day of mourning was for the anti-immigration policy or the Emperor's poetry?

Berlin (AP UPI): In his monthly press release, Chancellor Charlie made the following statement: "The German people are deeply concerned over the recent sabre rattling that has been going on in Iran by Russia & Turkey. It would appear that German Pacification Units might be needed in this area before long."

Chancellor Charlie was curious about why the Russians have ceased firing at the Iranian Mk6 with their T35, "Maybe it was their minus 3 chance to destroy the Iranian AFV."

Did my eyes deceive me, or was that a Turkish Frog jumping over a Russian Elf on the cover of Lib#99?

Chancellor Charlie getting into the spirit of things composed the following poem for Emperor Hirohito: "Roses are red, Violets are yellow, and they're not the only things if you get my slant."

Ankara(SPI,AH): Expectations run high here as the press waits for news from the front. Crowds of people await the banners to see if Turkey has succeeded in its military endeavors.

Ankara: President Bolin protests the moderator's Infantry rules, moreso since we were not made aware of them until the last moment.

NOTES FROM READERS:

Plaudits roll in from around the world! "Congratulations on your Centennial issue. Not a bad effort for a Capitalist." F.Castro "Too liberal! You must emphasize the Radical, and cancell all anti-Soviet press!"

--I. Stalink

"Never have so few, been so bored, by so little! Keep them coming out!" W.Churchkill "It pleases me to see this 100th issue of your venture in the free enterprise system. Why I was just saying to Pat the other night, 'Pat' says I, 'We must do something to encourage such efforts by these young Americans, even if the editor is some sort of radical nut'. Now let me make myself perfectly clear! I find your magazine useful.

However, the print smears and the texture of the paper is bad on my hemroids!"

--R. Nexhon

"looth Issue! You mean that rage is still in business?" --L.Zucchini

"The only thing we have to fear, is that people may actually start reading the damned thing!" --F. Risabelt

"I shall return! (every issue you send to me. I'm too embarrassed to have my garbage collectors see them! The last time one slipped by, they went on strike!)"

"Dad" McCarfare Freeway

"Hats off to Jim Bumpas. Many congratulations on issue #100. -- T. Victory

1977 IE Spring, 1912

[Winter Builds: England builds F LON*, F LPL* Italy declines to build.]

England(Brown): F NWY*(S) A STP*, F lpl-IRI*, F lon-ENG*, A bre-GAS*, A RUH*-mun, F MID*&F NAF*(S) F WES*, F WES*(s) German A Spa;

Germany(Lesch): A SPA*, A BUR*&A KIE*(s) English A Ruh-Mun, F BAL*(S) A Kie;

Italy(Don Ditter): A MUN*-kie (s) by A BER*, A PRU*(S) A Ber, A BOH*-mun (s) by A SIL*&A TYA*, F TUN*-wes (s) F LYO*&F TYS*, F ION*-tun, F NAP*-ion, A ROM*, F TUS*, F PIE* F MAR*;

Russia(Young): A LVA*-stp (s) by A MOS* A GAL*, A SER*.

A 4-WAY DRAW HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY TWO PLAYERS IN THIS GAME. VOTE MUST BE UNANIMOUS TO CARRY.

Deadline is 1.00 pm, Friday, July 14, 1978.

1977 IG Fall, 1906

[Summer adjustments: A vie-r-TRI* A bud-r-GAL*]

Austria(Grabar): A gal-WAR*, Atri-vie/a/;

England(Mueth): F ENG*(S) A BEL*,

F por (h) /a/;

France(Jones): A gas-POR*(C) BY F MID* A BUR*(s) German A ruh-bel(nso);

Germany(D.Bryg): A hol-EDI*(C) BY F NTH* A ruh-HOL*, A NWY*;

Italy(Dave Ditter): F SPA*sc (s) French A gal-por, F LYO*-tys, F ion-NAP*(s) by F APU* A tus-ROM*, A VEN*(S) Austrian A Tri (h) [nso];

Russia(Michalski): A DEN*&F BAL*(S) A KIE* A MUN*(S) A Kie, A BOH*, A VIE*&A BUD*(S) Turkish A ser-tri, F armySEV* [cont'd, page 5]

1939 ARMORED BARBARISM: Turn 19

TURKEY CONQUERS IRAN AND CAPTURES SOVIET CP IN IRAN! IRANIAN ARMY SURRENDERS TO TURKEY AND MOST OF THE SOVIET EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN IRAN IS POCKETED & INTERNED! ONE SOVIET T-35, WITH INFANTRY RIDING, IS SEEN RACING OFF TO THE NORTH!

Final AB6 Ratings: 1. C.J. Cottle; 2. Fred Bolin; 3. Steve Goodman; 4. Jim Frediani; 5. Wlater Blank; 6. Russell Fox.

[Russell Fox and Steve Goodman were both stand-bys, so their ratings are not counted in the overall standings unless it improves their overall rating. For Steve it does; for Russell, it does not, so I didn't add Russell's rating in. Russell, I will add it if you wish. It will place you in the "More than one game" list, with +1.]

TACTICAL ARMORED RATINGS:

More Than One Game

1. Jim Frediani: 40	2. C.J. Cottle: 31
3. Bob Spencer: 4	4. Fred Bolin: 1
5. Steve Goodman: -1	

One Game Only:

1. Carl Olson: 15	2. J.J. Seman: 15
3. Russell Fox: 5	4. Russ VieBrooks: 3
5. Richard Wilson: 2	6. John Lesch: 0
7. Walter Blank: -2	

GAMES RATED:

AB: 5; Kampfpz: 2; PzBarb: 1
MechWar: 1.

1940 ARMORED BARBARISM:

1939 is over, so all you national planners must get your 1940 rosters, your Army Organization plans, and your deployments and declarations of attacks for 1940 in by the next deadline: 1.00 pm, Friday, July 14, 1978. This is a very important deadline for all concerned. You're going to be very unhappy if your attacked and you have failed to deploy, losing by automatic victory to the enemy! Turn 1 of the 1940 scenario will begin with issue #102.

[1877 IG, cont'd]

Turkey(Neuharth): F TYS*(s) A nap (h)
[A nap /a/], F eas-ION*(S) BY F TUN*, A CON-
GRE*(C) BY F AEG*, A ser-TRI*, A bul-SER*

THE DRAW VOTE FAILED TO CARRY.

Center Distribution:

Austria: ~~bul, vie~~ WAR (1) remove one;
England: lon, ~~edi, wff~~ BEL (2) even;
France: par, bre, lpl, POR (4) build one;
Germany: hol, ~~mun, kie, bel~~, NWY, EDI (3)
remove one;

Italy: ven, rom, mar, spa, ~~por, tri~~ NAP (5)
remove one;

Russia: stp, mos, sev, swe, rum, den, ber,
~~war~~ KIE, MUN, VIE, BUD (11) build 3, but room
for only 2;

Turkey: home, bul, gre, ser, tun, ~~war~~, TRI
(8) even.

The deadline for Winter, 1906 AND Spring,
1907 is 1.00 pm, Friday, July 14, 1978.

Press:

St. Petersburg (via Moscow if the Huns
raid this place!): The Great Czar of all
the Russias thanks the Grand Poohbah of all
Dagoland for his kind, albeit presumptuous
and premature conce-sion call. Neat trick.
Better luck next game.

Rome: Let the great powers of France,
England, Italy, and Germany rally together
to stop the Russian-Turkish juggernaut. A
6-way draw is better than nothing.

1977 IX Fall, 1907

[A lva-r-MOS*]

Austria(Jones): A GAL*(s) Russian A War
A VIE*(s) Russian A Boh, A TYA*(s) Rus A Boh,
A TRI*(s) A Tya, A ser-ALB*, F GRE*-ion;

England(Tutacko): A STP*-mos, A LVA*-
war F BOT*-lva (s) by F BAL*, F BAR*, F NWG*
F NTH*;

France(Gibson): A MUN*-tya (s) by A PIE*
A BUR*(S) A Mun, A MAR*(S) A Pie, F ion-ADR*,
F TUN*-ion (s) by F TYS*;

Germany(Pinelli): A PRU*(s) Eng A lva-
war, A SIL*-gal, A BER*-mun, F bel-HOL*;

Italy(Mueph): A VEN*(s) Fr A pie-tya[nso]
A ROM*(S) A Ven, F NAP*(s) Fr. F ion (h) [nso];

Russia(Don Ditter): A BOH*(s) Aus. A Tya,
F AEG*(s) Aus. F gre-ion, A SMY*, A MOS*&A UKR*
both (s) A WAR*, A SEV*(s) A Mos.

The deadline for Winter, 1907 AND Spring 1908
is 1.00 pm, Friday, July 14, 1978.

1977 IX Center distribution:

Austria: home, bul, ser, gre (6) even;
England: home, swe, den, nwy, stp (7) even;
France: home, por, spa, tun, mun (7) even
Germany: kie, ber, hol, bel (4) even;
Italy: home (3) even;
Russia: mos, war, sev, con, ank, smy, rum
(7) even; Hmmm. Forget Winter 1907!

Press:

France to Italy, Phntm#1, Phntm#2:
"Onward to GRE & TRI?!"

Question Time: Nations of the World
Quiz Three:

1. How many centers does Italy have?
In '01?, '02?, '03?, '04?, '05?, '06?, '07?
2. Using the above information, what
is Italy's present SC point average?
3. How many questions have been asked?
4. How many units does Italy have
5. If you take the LY out of ITALY,
what number doe you have?
6. Do you notice any constant fact
about Italy?
7. Who cares?

If you answer questions 1-6 you have
failed the test. If you answered number 7
you score 3 points.

1978 AW Spring, 1903:

Austria(Christopher): A BUD*(S) A VIE*
A SER*&A ALB*(S) F GRE*;

England(B. Bryg): F bar-NWG*, F nwg-NTH*
(s) by F SKA*;

France(Spiekerman): F por-MID*, F bre-
PIC*, A bur (s) Russian A boh-mun [nso, A bur
/d/], A GAS*&A MAR*(S) A bur;

German(Brown): F eng-LON*, F kie-HOL*,
A ruh-BUR*(s) by A MUN*&A BEL*, A DEN*;

Italy(Grabar): A PIE*-mar, A ven-ROM*
F nap-ION*(S) by F TUN*;

Russia(Bolin): A fin-NWY*(s) by F SWE*
A STP*, A BOH*-vie (s) By A GAL*, F RUM*;

Turkey(Brawner): A BUL*-gre (s) by
F AEG* & F ion [F ion /d/], A CON*-bul.

The deadline for Fall, 1903 is 1.00 pm,
Friday, July 14, 1978

Press:

St. Petersburg: Sorry allies for the
delays in writing. Have been overly busy
working with our legal system. Will write
soon. Bye, bye, England and Austria.

Warsaw to Paris: If you're so worried
about the Germans, why not tell the English
to give up Norway? Ah but it does not matter
anymore does it?

1978 AW Press, cont'd:

Berlin: Preparations were begun today to welcome Russian troops to England by the seizure of London by German forces in order to make things ready for the upcoming tea party for the Czar and the Kaiser.

This Phantom agrees with other Phantoms. More press, you guys!

1978 CF Fall, 1904:

[Summer adjustment: F nwy-r-BAR*]

Austria(Reges): A VIE*-gal, A BUD*& A SER*(s) A TRI*, A gre-bul [/a/];

England(Grabar): F ENG*-nth (s) by F nwy [F nwy /a/] F NWG* (s) F nwy

France(Christopher): F spasc-MID*, F BRE*-eng, A BUR*-ruh (s) by A BEL*, A PAR*-bur, A PIC*(S) A BEL*;

Germany(Pinelli): F DEN*-nth, F BAL*-den A RUH*& A MUN* (s) each other, A HOL*(s) A Ruh

Italy(Klein): A BOH*-vie, A VEN*-tri (s) by F ADR*&A ALB*, F ion-GRE*;

Russia(B.Bryg): F ska-NWY*(s) by A SWE* & F BAR*, A lva-STP*, A SIL*-gal, A arm-SMY*, F ank-CON*(s) by F BLA*;

Turkey(Brown): A con-bul [/a/], F AEG* (s) Italian F ion-gre.

Center Distribution:

Austria: home, ser, bul (5) ~~4/4~~ one short, but no room to build;

England: home (3) one short, build one;

France: home, bel, por, spa (6) even;

German: home, den, hol (5) even;

Italy: home, tun, gre (5) even;

Russia: home, swe, rum, nwy, ank, CON, SMY (10) build two;

Turkey: ~~con, ank~~ (0) out

The deadline for BOTH Winter 1904 AND Spring, 1905 is 1.00 pm, Friday, July 14, 1978.

Press:

Ankara(Tass): Lord Brukov, Commander of the Black Sea Fleet and Marshall of the Southern Front is pleased with the progress against the Turkish tyrants. He said he will not stop untill all of the Turks are liberated.

Budapets: The continued success of the "nose thumbing" campaign has been so great, that full victory against Turkey can be anticipated within the year. The loud thumping you hear is the Italian whapping his head against the "Great Wall". Go Russkies!!

C-1978 Spring, 1902:

MODERATOR APOLOGIES: I OMITTED TO REPORT GERMANY'S BUILD "A MUN". GAME DELAYED ONE ISSUE.

There are 2 COA's this time, though:

Bob Donaldson, 2103 Nueces, Austin, Texas 78705 (permanent); and,

Jay Neuharth, 3311 Dwight Way, Stockton, CA 95204 (June 27-July 22).

Press:

We'd rather search for Noah's ark in the caucasus than drink French wine, thankyou.

L-1978 Spring, 1902:

Austria(McGee): A vie-BOH*, A tri-TYA* A BUD* & A SER* to tri, F GRE*(s) Turk A bul;

England(Young): F nwy-NWG*, F NTH*(s) Russian F swe-den, F LON*(s) F nth, A yor-WAL*

France(Grabar): F ENG*-nth, F bre-MID* A GAS*-mar, A spa-mar[nsu], A POR*;

Germany(Slaughter): F hol-HEL*, A bel-RUH*, A mun-BER*(s) by A KIE*;

Italy(Victory): A PIE*-mar, A VEN*-pie F nap-TYS*, F tun-WES*;

Russia(Walters): F swe-DEN*, F stpsc-BOT*, A war-SIL*, A ber-kie /d/, A RUM*&A MOS* both (s) F SEV*;

Turkey(Boymel): F con-AEG*, A ARM*-sev F BLA*(s) A BUL*.

The deadline for Fall, 1902 is 1.00 pm, Friday, July 14, 1978

Press:

Justinian (Out of Constantinople):

Dear Sea Level, I truly wish laymen who wish to tell a lengthy (I suspect shaggy dog) ~~story~~ lawyer joke would get their law straght. 1. Rarely is the result of a criminal case material to the disposition of a civil suit. 2. "Lack of Probable Cause"? What in goodness name are you babbling about? 3. etc. (at least 3 more egregious legal errors).

Tom Slaughter, VP, General Counsel, Liberty Loan Corp., 7711 Bonhomme, Clayton Missouri.

Paris: Should an Italian attack take place, Italy will totally regret it! The trust of France is put in the hands of a NMR Germany?

[More L-1978 Press]

Reykjavik, Iceland: An astronomer, a physicist, and a lawyer were discussing which was the oldest profession. "In the beginning God created the stars, the heavens, and the Earth" said the Astronomer. "These are all astronomical bodies, and thus astronomy is the oldest profession." The physicist said, "In the beginning there was chaos, out of which the Lord said 'Let there be light', and created the masses of heavenly bodies. Light, energy, and matter are the basics of physics, and thus physics is the oldest profession." "Aha!" said the Lawyer. "But who created the Chaos?"

SEA LEVEL, somewhere in the North Atlantic: And so the search is on. (By the way, for those among you how've been practicing law when you should've been playing Diplomacy, this is Part 3) After some time a college student is located who identifies one of the eggheads as having hit his grandmother in the head with a brittle missile on the night in question. He agrees to testify at the hearing.

The court date arrives. The defendant's lawyer has prepared a map of the neighborhood 6 feet square, which is set on a large easel brought along for the purpose. The judge makes a few flattering remarks about the artwork, then asks that the map be taken down until its case is called. Two prostitutes & a pickpocket come first. The man who had the heart attack is dressed in a checkered sports jacket, his wife in a mink coat. Their son wears jeans. The defendant and his sons all wear suit and tie, as does the witness. The lawyer wears lawyer's clothes.

SEA LEVEL to JUSTINIAN: This is a true story & did go to trial, hence the location is irrelevant. The 'problem' I wish to put forward for possible discussion is not whether the man might be found guilty of disturbing the peace, but rather, do the circumstances justify hiring a lawyer. Also, was the lawyer giving reasonable advice when he introduced the fear of a civil suit? My personal opinion will follow the end of the story.



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